



DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Ben T. Ysursa
Secretary of State
Idaho Capitol Building
700 West Jefferson, Room 203
Boise, Idaho 83720

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SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF IDAHO

Dear Secretary Ysursa:

I am humbled by the great honor to have been nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the United States Senate as the 49th Secretary of the Interior.

As I assume this new responsibility, this letter serves as my notice to resign as Governor of the State of Idaho and Commander-in-Chief of the Idaho National Guard. This resignation will be concurrent with my taking the oath of office as Secretary of the Interior.

It has been my profound honor to serve the people of Idaho as their 30th Governor. I will have the benefit of their friendship, inspiration, and prayers as I enter this new arena of service on behalf of our fellow citizens throughout the United States.

God bless Idaho, and God bless the United States of America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dirk Kempthorne", written over a large, stylized oval flourish.

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STATE OF IDAHO
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
BEN YSURSA

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I, Ben Ysursa, Secretary of State for the State of Idaho, pursuant to the provisions of Section 59-902, Idaho Code, do hereby accept the resignation of Dirk Kempthorne from the Office of Governor of the State of Idaho.

A handwritten signature of Ben Ysursa in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.

Ben Ysursa

Secretary of State